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To whom it may concern,

The American public health would face an alarming high risk if xenotransplantation (animal-to-human transplants) takes place. This procedure would introduce fatal new diseases into the human population. To use "other-living-beings" which are different, not only from humans, but also from each other, anatomically, physiologically, immunologically, genetically and to basic cellular structure, should be reasons enough for this procedure not to occur or even reconsidered.

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Not only will animals, especially the pig (who experiences emotional and physical pain, and has the intelligence to communicate with humankind) be introduced to horrifying physical procedures, but humans too will pay the price and suffer in many ways consequently. To introduce viruses and unknown diseases to the human body is not medicinal.

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There is a reason that our immune system is designed to identify and reject foreign objects. To attempt to challenge our basic structure is against nature and asking for further problems.

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Every year thousands of Americans are buried with organs that are suitable for donation, far exceeding the 3,400 who die while on the donor waiting list. We should focus on the organ donation program rather than experimental xenotransplantation, which puts both animals and humans in danger.

Thank you for your humane attention to this matter.

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